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[REDACTED] b1
[REDACTED]
On December 15, 1946, [REDACTED] advised b1
that he overheard SIEGEL converse telephonically with [REDACTED] in New Orleans b1
During this conversation, SIEGEL told [REDACTED] that he, SIEGEL, had taken away b1
seven and one-half per cent of [REDACTED] interest in the Flamingo Hotel and b1
would take the other twelve and one-half per cent away [REDACTED] after the
Flamingo opened and would get rid of [REDACTED] completely.

On December 25, 1946, the day prior to the formal opening of b2
the Flamingo, [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] telephonically con- b2
tacted SIEGEL from Los Angeles at which time SIEGEL stated that [REDACTED] had b1
just arrived in Las Vegas and had not sold one ticket to the Flamingo opening.
SIEGEL advised [REDACTED] this time that he was putting [REDACTED] completely out
of the hotel in about two weeks.

By January 1, 1947, SIEGEL had removed [REDACTED] as Manager 799096
of the Flamingo dining room and [REDACTED] remained only as a director in name.

On January 7, 1947, [REDACTED] advised that b1
he was with SIEGEL when the latter received a telephone call from [REDACTED] b1
for the Samuel Goldwyn Studios, at which time SIEGEL discus- b1
sed with [REDACTED] his plans to hire [REDACTED] to handle the Flamingo Hotel b1
publicity "leg work". SIEGEL stated that he had sent [REDACTED] a notice of a b1
special meeting of the Board of Directors and that he had also sent a telegram b1
to the Music Corporation of America not to contract with [REDACTED] in the
future since [REDACTED] would be completely out of the Flamingo Hotel setup.
SIEGEL instructed [REDACTED] to handle all entertainment for the Flamingo Hotel
in the future with SIEGEL reserving the right of final approval or disapproval.

On the same date, SIEGEL conversed with an unknown individual b1
in the presence of [REDACTED] at which time he told this b1
individual that he is having the majority of the members of the Board of Dir- b1
ectors take the presidency of the Nevada Projects Corporation away from [REDACTED]
in a few days. SIEGEL stated that [REDACTED] would be stripped of all powers
and that SIEGEL was personally handling the entertainment at the hotel through
[REDACTED] SIEGEL stated that he may not even recognize [REDACTED] prior
commitments and contracts; that if he did not like the entertainment contracted
for [REDACTED] he would "just let the people sue". 96 b7c
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[REDACTED] has been referred to in reports in this case emanating from the Los Angeles Division as an influential political figure in Los Angeles who is very friendly toward subject, [REDACTED] JACK DRAGNA, and other associates of subject in Los Angeles.

On December 20, 1947, [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] telephonically requested [REDACTED] in Las Vegas to make hotel reservations at the Last Frontier Hotel [REDACTED] for December 21, 1947. b2 b7c b7D

[REDACTED] b7c
Information has been previously set forth on the identity and activity [REDACTED] in reports from the San Francisco and Los Angeles Divisions.

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concerning the recent close association between [redacted] and SIGEL. b6 b7C

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Beach, Florida, at which time [REDACTED] stated he had just left MEYER LANSKY and LANSKY'S children. [REDACTED] stated also that he is having repairs made to HILL'S house at Miami Beach which needed repairs to the roof and other re-arranging, which included the installation of a large mirror. b

In connection with this Miami Beach, Florida home, HILL talked with an unidentified man on December 31, 1946, at which time she mentioned that she had purchased a home on Sunset Island, near Miami Beach, Florida, [REDACTED] HILL stated that the residential section was very exclusive and was restricted even against Jews. [REDACTED] b

The Miami Division was requested by teletype dated January 3, 1947 to locate this house and ascertain the identity of the occupants. By teletype dated January 19, 1947, the Miami Office advised that the records of Dade County, Florida reflect a purchase on February 8, 1946 of Lot No. 1, Block 1 D, of Island No. 1, Sunset Islands, Miami Beach, Florida, being the address 1435 West 28th Street. [REDACTED] b

[REDACTED] by VIRGINIA HILL. The deed was filed for record March 4, 1946 and stipulated consideration was \$10.00. Florida revenue stamp affixed to the deed reflected that a total of \$49,800.00 consideration was actually paid.

On December 28, 1946, HILL conversed telephonically with [REDACTED] 70943
[REDACTED] at Mexico City. HILL discussed the opening of the Flamingo Hotel and then asked [REDACTED] about the possible use of [REDACTED] Mexico City apartment. HILL stated that she was going to Mexico City about January 15, 1947 and stated that subject has to go to Cuba, after which he may go to Mexico City. b

[REDACTED] b
[REDACTED] b
On the same date, VIRGINIA HILL also talked with one [REDACTED]
last name unknown, in Los Angeles, who advised that [REDACTED] was coming to
Las Vegas from Los Angeles on December 29, 1946. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] b7c

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On January 2, 1947 [REDACTED] telephonically contacted subject in Las Vegas, according to [REDACTED]. From the conversation, informant stated that [REDACTED] had evidently been negotiating for the purchase of a home in Los Angeles for [REDACTED] at subject's request. Subject stated that he would "go for" \$18,500.00 and that [REDACTED] should go ahead and buy the house if it could be obtained for that price. Subject also instructed [REDACTED] to contact [REDACTED] and to have [REDACTED] contact [REDACTED] and see if [REDACTED] would not come to the Flamingo Hotel.

[REDACTED]

Much information on the identity, activities, and background of [REDACTED] has been reported by the Los Angeles and Chicago Offices. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Investigation conducted at Reno, Nevada by Special Agents
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CHARLES "LUCKY" LUCIANO

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It will be recalled that LUCIANO formerly headed the local activities of the UNIONE SICILIANA and was convicted by Governor THOMAS E. DEWEY, former District Attorney of Brooklyn, on a vice charge. LUCIANO received a sentence of from thirty to fifty years in a New York State Penitentiary but due to the manipulations of the criminal syndicate was later ordered deported to Italy in 1944 for the presumed purpose of leading the mafia, or underground, in assisting the Allied occupation troops.

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As previously reported, [REDACTED] 70916 b2

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. ROSEN

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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DATE 11-6-95 BY 2100-100

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INFORMATION CONCERNING

A review of the case entitled "Benjamin 'Boss' Siegel" reflects that Siegel is acquainted with [REDACTED] At the time Siegel was having difficulty completing the Flamingo Hotel, Gus Greenbaum reminded Siegel that Greenbaum had an excellent contact in Washington. Siegel stated that he did not want to utilize the contact of Greenbaum in Washington but wanted to talk to [REDACTED] a very good friend of Senator Patrick McCarran of Nevada. At the outset of the Capa case and shortly after the shooting of James Ragen in Chicago, Illinois, Drew Pearson broadcast that the three principals responsible for the attempt on Ragen's life were no longer in the vicinity of Chicago and named the principals as Frank Costello [REDACTED] and Bugsy Siegel. [REDACTED]

(62-81093 Sub 44-10)

In the General Crime Survey report submitted by the Salt Lake City Division, October 15, 1946, information was set forth that [REDACTED]

(62-75147-44)

In addition, the Bureau files reflect that [REDACTED]

(94-8 Sub 415)

The Bureau files fail to reflect any information concerning the allegation mentioned in the letter from [REDACTED]

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Memorandum for Mr. Rosen

In addition, SAC Newman of the Salt Lake City has been contacted and he telephonically advised that the files of his division contain no additional data regarding this matter that has not been set forth above. He specifically stated that absolutely no information whatsoever has been furnished to the FCC by his division regarding [REDACTED] or Sigel.

ACTION TAKEN

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That the attached letter be directed to [REDACTED] advising him that the Bureau did not submit any report to the FCC in connection with Sigel or [REDACTED]

informant
Our confidential should not be disclosed.

Attachment

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. ROSEN *R*

DATE: Jan 26, 1947

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUCE" SIEGEL

MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING -
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PURPOSE

[REDACTED] has requested the Bureau to furnish information to the Bureau of Internal Revenue at Washington, D.C. regarding Siegel in order that "pressure" may be brought on the field office of the Internal Revenue Bureau at Los Angeles, who is aware of Siegel's possible evasion of taxes.

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SUGGESTED CHECK OF SIEGEL BY THE LOS ANGELES INTERNAL REVENUE BUREAU

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business and any returns and any other income from any source, to use as a schedule for setting up income for the entire taxable year.

This information [REDACTED]
concerning the alleged income tax violation by Siegel has been reported in the
form of a blind memorandum to Joseph D. Nunan, Commissioner of Internal Revenue
on June 17, 1947.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Salt Lake City, Utah
May 26, 1947

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO.

Director, FBI

Attention: Assistant Director A. ROSEN

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
CRIME SURVEY
Bureau File 62-81518

Dear Sir:

[REDACTED]

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Director, FBI

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
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Director, FBI
Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
MISC. INFO. CONCERNING
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It is therefore believed that little of immediate value would be accomplished by the Salt Lake City Division's turning information over to local field representatives of the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

The Bureau is requested to consider the advisability of furnishing information in the Bureau's possession to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue. As suggested specific information that may possible be furnished, the following is set out:

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Director, FBI

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
MISC. INFO. CONCERNING
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In view of the urgency of this matter to Informant and the importance to the Bureau, information as to the Bureau's contemplated action with regard to the above information will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Jay C. Newman

JAY C. NEWMAN
SAC

[REDACTED]
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The informant, who furnished this information, is deemed reliable but requested that his identity not be disclosed and this Bureau was requested to furnish you with this information for whatever action you deem appropriate.

There is also being enclosed a copy of the Identification Record of Benjamin "Bugs" Siegel, [redacted] for your information.

Twenty years.

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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June 19, 1947

RE: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

Benjamin "Bugs" Siegel, FBI #190586, has been a racketeer and hoodlum of some prominence for several years. His activities have ranged from New York City to Los Angeles, California. He is a former member of "Murder, Incorporated" and was an associate of Louis Buchalter, who was executed by the State of New York. Since 1937, Siegel has been residing in the vicinity of Los Angeles, California. At the present time he is operating the Flamingo Hotel at Las Vegas, Nevada and resides in a penthouse in this hotel. In addition to operating the Flamingo Hotel, it has been reported that he has an interest in various gambling clubs located in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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cc - Mr. Rosen

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Per [Signature]

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. E. A. TAMM
FROM : J. Rosen
SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BOSS" SIEGEL
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
CRIME SURVEY

DATE: June 21, 1947
Call: 6:00 p.m.

SAC Hood of the Los Angeles Division telephonically advised at this time that he had received information from a newspaper man that the man which killed Siegel was a .30 caliber carbine and that nine two-inch long shells had been used, two of which hit Siegel. These shells hit him in the head and one went right through his eye and his eyelid was found about ten feet away from Siegel. The gun was fired about fourteen feet away from where Siegel was sitting and the killer rested the gun in the cross, of one of the trellises by the window.

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[REDACTED] SPECULATES THAT NEW YORK MEMBERS OF MOB INSTIGATED KILLING OF SIEGEL AND SAME MAY HAVE BEEN PRECIPITATED BY INFORMATION FURNISHED MOB IN NEW YORK BY VIRGINIA HILL, AS TO HOW SIEGEL HAD BEEN DOUBLE-CROSSING THEM. Remylet MAY TWENTYSIXTH LAST AND MYTEL TWENTIETH INSTANT. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF ANY FURTHER INFORMATION OBTAINED AT LAS VEGAS. ABOVE INFORMATION SHOULD NOT BE DIVULGED TO PERSONS OUTSIDE BUREAU.

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-CIGARETTE GIRL. BEN SIEGEL [REDACTED] SEPARATED-
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. E. A. Tamm

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DATE: June 21, 1947

FROM : A. Rosen

Call: 4:25 p.m.

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
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At this time SAC Hood of the Los Angeles Division called regarding this case.

Mr. Hood advised that a .45 machine gun was apparently used. Nine shots were fired, five of which hit Siegel. Both of his eyes were shot out. One of the bullets burned the coat of Allen Smiley who was sitting next to Siegel and who is being held as a material witness. Mr. Hood stated that Siegel, Virginia Hill, her brother Charles Hill, her secretary Gerry Mason and Smiley had been at the beach near Santa Monica and had returned to Virginia Hill's home not long before the shooting occurred.

Mr. Hood also advised that Luella Parsons reported in her newspaper column this morning that George Raft flew to Paris last night. It was suggested that there is a possibility that Raft and Hill might have been on the same plane. Mr. Hood was advised that inquiries along this line would have to be very discreet.

Mr. Hood stated that [REDACTED] is in New York on a jewel case where he picked up one [REDACTED] and is going to take him back with him, to testify in this case. Mr. Hood also stated this might cause [REDACTED] to lose his job in view of so many recent killings.

Mr. Hood further advised that he had received information from San Diego that [REDACTED] had just recently returned to San Diego from Las Vegas [REDACTED]

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June 21, 1947

11:35

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'Bugsy' Siegel Shot Dead From Ambush

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WASHINGTON TIMES HERALD
 DATE 6/21/77

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: 6-23-47

FROM : [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUCK" SIEGEL
VIRGINIA HILL
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
CRIME SURVEY

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PURPOSE

This is to advise that Bureau files reflect Virginia Hill is 29 years of age and Siegel was 41 years of age at the time of his death.

BACKGROUND

Virginia Hill has been Siegel's paramour and for the past four or five years has received considerable newspaper publicity and notoriety because of the expensive parties she has given and the large amount of money she has apparently spent very freely. She is 29 years of age. According to an affidavit filed with the State Liquor Authority, New York City, she stated she was born in Bessemer, Alabama, on August 25, 1917.

In the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California, dated August 20, 1946, Bureau file 62-81518, Section 3, entitled "BENJAMIN SIEGEL, with aliases; INFORMATION CONCERNING; CRIME SURVEY", there appears on pages 51 to 55 inclusive a background summary on Virginia Hill and her various activities. Also in file 62-68739 there is considerable background information on her.

Siegel, who was recently shot to death at Beverly Hills, California, was 41 years of age. According to his selective service file, Siegel was born on February 28, 1906, at New York City. The report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California, dated May 6, 1946, Bureau file 62-81518, Section 2, considerable background information appears on Siegel and his activities on pages 3 to 35 inclusive in the case entitled "BENJAMIN SIEGEL, was.; MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING; CRIME SURVEY."

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

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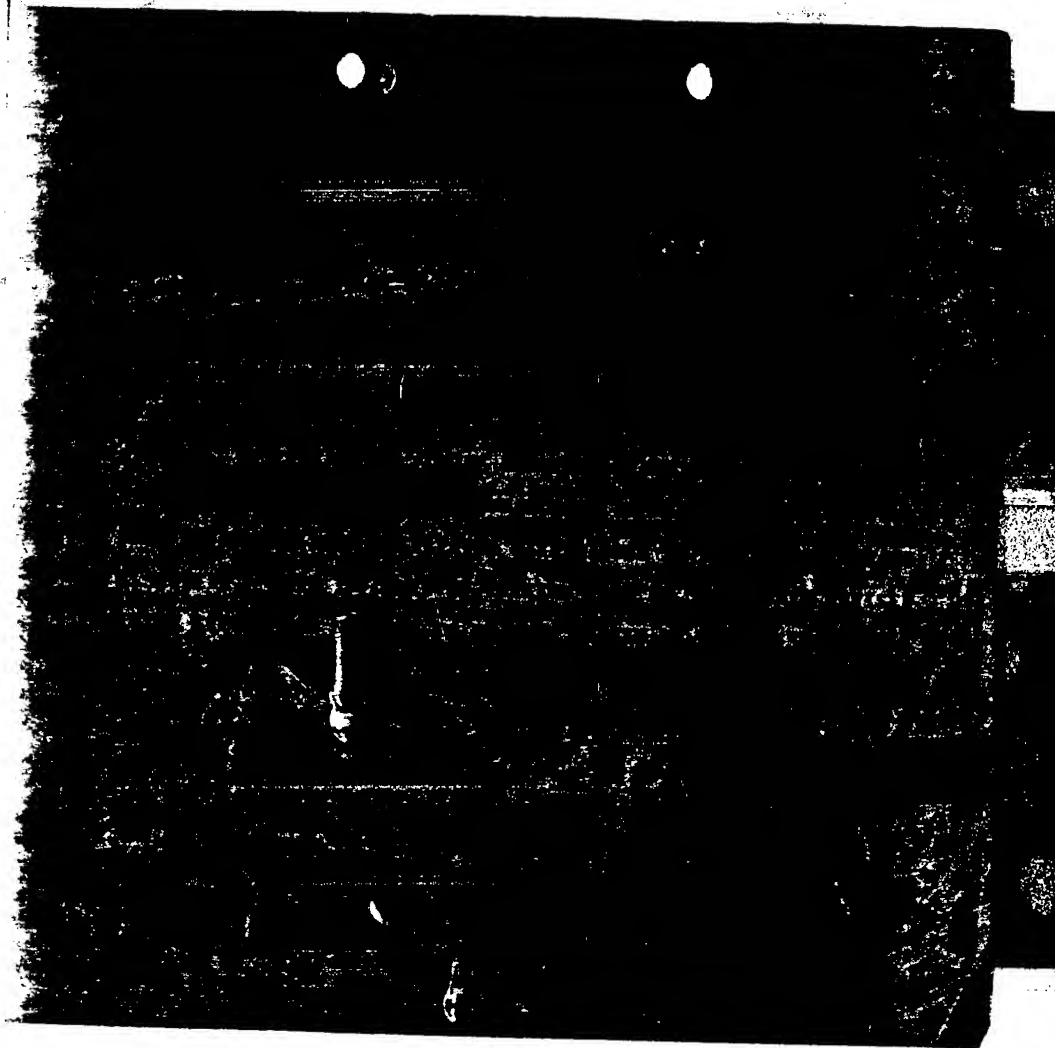
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. ROSEN

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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INFORMATION CONCERNING

A review of the case entitled "Benjamin 'Bugsy' Siegel" reflects that Siegel is acquainted with [REDACTED]. At the time Siegel was having difficulty completing the Flamingo Hotel, Gus Greenbaum reminded Siegel that Greenbaum had an excellent contact in Washington. Siegel stated that he did not want to utilize the contact of Greenbaum in Washington but wanted to talk to [REDACTED] a very good friend of Senator Patrick McCarran of Nevada. At the outset of the Capra case and shortly after the shooting of James Ragen in Chicago, Illinois, Drew Pearson broadcast that the three principals responsible for the attempt on Ragen's life were no longer in the vicinity of Chicago and named the principals as Frank Costello [REDACTED] and Bugsy Siegel.

(62-81093 Sub 44-10)

In the General Crime Survey report submitted by the Salt Lake City Division, October 15, 1946, information was set forth that [REDACTED]

(62-75147-44)

In addition, the Bureau files reflect that [REDACTED]

(94-8 Sub 415)

The Bureau files fail to reflect any information concerning the allegation mentioned in the letter from [REDACTED]

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Memorandum for Mr. Rosen

In addition, SAC Newman of the Salt Lake City has been contacted and he telephonically advised that the files of his division contain no additional data regarding this matter that has not been set forth above. He specifically stated that absolutely no information whatsoever has been furnished to the FCC by his division regarding [REDACTED] or Siegel.

ACTION TAKEN

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That the attached letter be directed to [REDACTED] advising him that the Bureau did not submit any report to the FCC in connection with Siegel or [REDACTED]

informant
Our confidential should not be disclosed.

Attachment

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. ROSEN *R* *bx*

DATE: MAR 12 1947

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
CRIME SURVEY

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PURPOSE

[REDACTED] has requested the Bureau to furnish information to the Bureau of Internal Revenue at Washington, D.C. regarding Siegel in order that "pressure" may be brought on the field office of the Internal Revenue Bureau at Los Angeles, who is aware of Siegel's possible evasion of taxes.

BACKGROUND

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SUGGESTED CHECK OF SIEGEL BY THE LOS ANGELES INTERNAL REVENUE BUREAU

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Memo for Mr. Rosen

MANNER OF EVASION OF TAXES BY SIEGEL

[REDACTED]

furnish the revenue agents with a schedule of differences for one week as a basis for computing the total shortages for the taxable period. [REDACTED] has advised that if an individual fails to keep detailed and complete records in his business then any records that may reflect income for a brief period may be used as a schedule for setting up income for the entire taxable year. [REDACTED]

ACTION TAKEN

This information [REDACTED] concerning the alleged income tax violation by Siegel has been reported in the form of a blind memorandum to Joseph D. Nunan, Commissioner of Internal Revenue on June 17, 1947.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Salt Lake City, Utah
May 26, 1947



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Attention: Assistant Director A. ROSEN

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
CRIME SURVEY
Bureau File 62-81518

Dear Sir:

[REDACTED]

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Director, FBI

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

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CRIME SURVEY

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It is therefore believed that little of immediate value would be accomplished by the Salt Lake City Division's turning information over to local field representatives of the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

The Bureau is requested to consider the advisability of furnishing information in the Bureau's possession to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue. As suggested specific information that may possible be furnished, the following is set out:

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Director, FBI
Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
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In view of the urgency of this matter to Informant and the importance to the Bureau, information as to the Bureau's contemplated action with regard to the above information will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,


JAY C. NEWMAN
SAC

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June 22, 1947

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

There is being furnished to you information regarding
the activities of Benjamin "Doc" Magid.

The informant who furnished this information, is desired
and has requested that his identity not be disclosed and this
bureau was requested to furnish you with this information for what
your action you deem appropriate.

There is also being enclosed a copy of the Identification
Record of Benjamin "Doc" Magid, [redacted] for your information.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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June 19, 1947

RE: BENJAMIN "BOGS" SIEGEL

Benjamin "Bugs" Siegel, FBI #190586, has been a racketeer and hoodlum of some prominence for several years. His activities have ranged from New York City to Los Angeles, California. He is a former member of "Murdock, Incorporated" and was an associate of Louis Buchalter, who was executed by the State of New York. Since 1937, Siegel has been residing in the vicinity of Los Angeles, California. At the present time he is operating the Flamingo Hotel at Las Vegas, Nevada and resides in a penthouse in this hotel. In addition to operating the Flamingo Hotel, it has been reported that he has an interest in various gambling clubs located in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

cc - Mr. Rosen

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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JUN 21 1947

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. E. A. TAMM
FROM : W. Rosen
SUBJECT: BENJAMIN 'JACK' SIEGEL
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
CRIME SURVEY

DATE: June 21, 1947
Call: 6:00 p.m.

SAC Hood of the Los Angeles Division telephonically advised at this time that he had received information from a newspaper man that the gun which killed Siegel was a .30 caliber carbine and that nine two-inch long shells had been used, two of which hit Siegel. These shells hit him in the head and one went right through his eye and his eyelid was found about ten feet away from Siegel. The gun was fired about fourteen feet away from where Siegel was sitting and the killer rested the gun in the cross of one of the trellises by the window.

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IDENTITY INSTANT

WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF ANY FURTHER INFORMATION OBTAINED BY LAS VEGAS. ABOVE INFORMATION SHOULD NOT BE DIVULGED TO PERSONS OUTSIDE BUREAU.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. E. A. TAMM *ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE: June 21, 1947 BY: 5-7-1964/100*

FROM : A. Rosen *DATE: 1-6-85 BY: 5-7-1964/100*

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
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DATE: June 21, 1947
Call: 4:25 p.m.

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At this time SAC Hood of the Los Angeles Division called regarding this case.

Mr. Hood advised that a .45 machine gun was apparently used. Nine shots were fired, five of which hit Siegel. Both of his eyes were shot out. One of the bullets burned the coat of Allen Smiley who was sitting next to Siegel and who is being held as a material witness. Mr. Hood stated that Siegel, Virginia Hill, her brother Charles Hill, her secretary Gerry Mason and Smiley had been at the beach near Santa Monica and had returned to Virginia Hill's home not long before the shooting occurred.

Mr. Hood also advised that Luella Parsons reported in her newspaper column this morning that George Raft flew to Paris last night. It was suggested that there is a possibility that Raft and Hill might have been on the same plane. Mr. Hood was advised that inquiries along this line would have to be very discreet.

Mr. Hood stated that [REDACTED] is in New York on a jewel case where he picked up one [REDACTED] and is going to take him back with him, to testify in this case. Mr. Hood also stated this might cause [REDACTED] to lose his job in view of so many recent killings.

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Mr. Hood further advised that he had received information from San Diego that [REDACTED] had just recently returned to San Diego from Las Vegas.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
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June 21, 1947

11:35

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#1 **'Bugsy' Siegel Shot Dead From Ambush**

Beverly Hills, Calif., June 21.—**Bugsy Siegel**, America's top gambler, was shot and killed from an ambush in Beverly Hills early today. Siegel, who headed the gambling-hotel syndicate that controlled the \$5,000,000 Flamingo Hotel holdings in Las Vegas, Nev., was shot down by unknown assailants.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: 6-23-47

FROM : [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUCK" SIEGEL
 VIRGINIA HILL
 MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
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PURPOSE

This is to advise that Bureau files reflect Virginia Hill is 29 years of age and Siegel was 41 years of age at the time of his death.

BACKGROUND

Virginia Hill has been Siegel's paramour and for the past four or five years has received considerable newspaper publicity and notoriety because of the expensive parties she has given and the large amount of money she has apparently spent very freely. She is 29 years of age. According to an affidavit filed with the State Liquor Authority, New York City, she stated she was born in Bessemer, Alabama, on August 25, 1917.

In the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California, dated August 20, 1946, Bureau file 62-81518, Section 3, entitled "BENJAMIN SIEGEL, with aliases; INFORMATION CONCERNING; CRIME SURVEY", there appears on pages 51 to 55 inclusive a background summary on Virginia Hill and her various activities. Also in file 62-68739 there is considerable background information on her.

Siegel, who was recently shot to death at Beverly Hills, California, was 41 years of age. According to his selective service file, Siegel was born on February 28, 1906, at New York City. The report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California, dated May 6, 1946, Bureau file 62-81518, Section 2, considerable background information appears on Siegel and his activities on pages 3 to 35 inclusive in the case entitled "BENJAMIN SIEGEL, was.; MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING; CRIME SURVEY."

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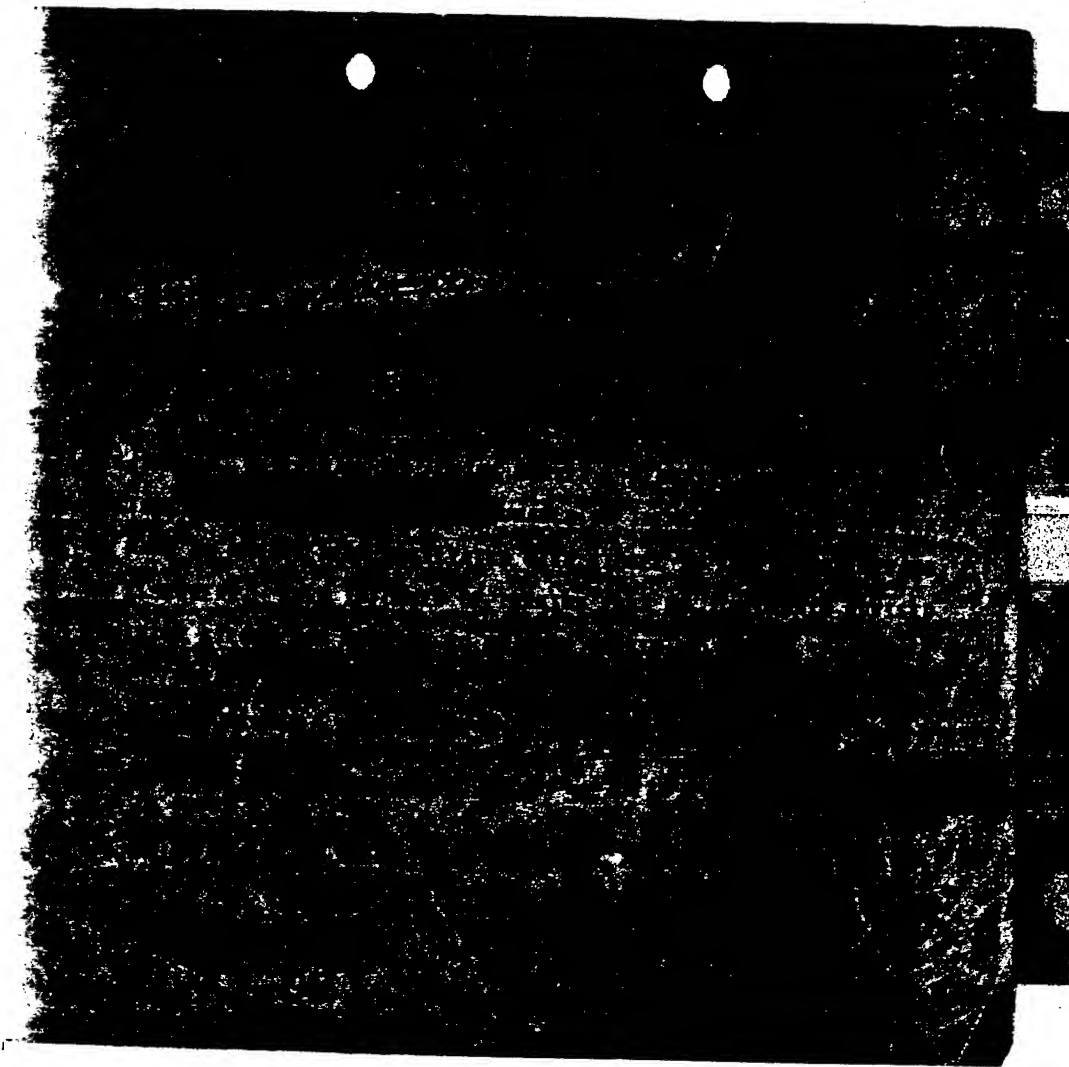
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FROM : *Rosen* Rosen

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, was.
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
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PURPOSE

To summarize information in Bureau files concerning the amours of the late Benjamin "Bugs" Siegel. Siegel had affairs with numerous women, including [redacted] and Virginia Hill. However, there is no evidence that he was involved in the commercialized prostitution racket. *b2*

Danton Walker, in his column under dateline June 26, 1947, stated, "The White Slave angle will figure in the 'Bugs' Siegel slaying, resulting in some red faces around Broadway."

DETAILS

On April 13, 1947, [redacted] with alias, accompanied by [redacted] left Los Angeles, California, for New York City. En route they were joined by Benjamin "Bugs" Siegel and an unidentified blond woman. While in New York City, they resided at the Sherry-Netherlands Hotel. The United States Attorney at Los Angeles declined prosecution of [redacted] and Siegel, pointing out that the alleged immoral relations of the parties were merely incidental to their travel in interstate commerce. (Bureau file 31-67897) *b2*

[redacted] has been a close associate of Siegel's for a number of years. [redacted] and was with Siegel at the time of Siegel's slaying. *b2*

In 1945 Siegel, while he was residing at Los Angeles, had become very friendly with [redacted]. Although married, [redacted] was regarded as Siegel's mistress. Siegel was also going with [redacted] allegedly spent considerable time at Siegel's residence and reportedly joined Siegel in New York City on one of his trips. This information appears in Los Angeles crime survey dated October 15, 1945, and the identity of the sources of this information is not given. *b2*

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In 1947, Siegel maintained a penthouse for his mistress, Virginia Hill, at the Last Frontier Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada. The source of this information appearing in the Salt Lake City crime survey dated April 15, 1947, was not disclosed.

[REDACTED] advised that just prior to the slaying of Siegel, Virginia Hill became enraged at Siegel because of his attentions to another woman. [REDACTED] Hill separated from Siegel and was in Paris, France, at the time Siegel was slain in Hill's Beverly Hills Mansion. b7C b7D b7E

A review of the information available in the Bureau's files fails to reflect any indication that Siegel has engaged in commercialized prostitution.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

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Attention: MR. E. A. TAMM

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
CRIME SURVEY

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my personal and confidential letter to the Bureau directed to your attention dated July 22, 1946, forwarding copies of transcriptions of a telephone conversation between BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL and [REDACTED] and a subsequent conversation between SIEGEL and VIRGINIA HILL. This conversation was obscene and related in part to the Director. *b7c*

The original recordings of these conversations have been retained in my safe since July 20, 1946, the date the conversations took place.

In view of the fact that this case is now closed, your advice is requested as to whether these recordings should be destroyed, forwarded to the Bureau, or retained in my possession pending further instructions of the Bureau. *J*

Very truly yours,

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BUGSY SLAYING LAID TO TWO N. Y. GUNMEN

Police Hint Jealousy Motive;
Suspects Have Long Records

Information pointing to two known New York hoodlums as the slayers of Benjamin (Bugsy) Siegel in a Beverly Hills home was learned exclusively by the Examiner last night.

The gunmen were said to be in the employ of a New York gangster.

Siegel was killed when a "sneak" of nine bullets crashed through the window of 818 North Linden Drive, Beverly Hills, the house leased by Virginia Hill, wealthy divorcee now in Paris. Siegel had a gold key to the mansion.

TIPPED OFF

The two men, Las Vegas authorities believe, were tipped by a third "character" who had been "talking" Bugsy in the Nevada city.

The night Siegel left for Los Angeles, they said, this "character" made a pronounced long distance telephone call. The day night Bugsy lay dead with two bullets in his head.

One of the gunmen was described as a former member of the Lucky Luciano mob. He served three years in a Federal penitentiary for "shoot" and "harboring" an officer. He was released last May.

The other was described as a "big lapo gunman," who was frequently arrested in New York on a variety of charges ranging from homicide to public drunkenness. He finally was sentenced to Federal prison for selling untaxed liquor and was released in 1946.

Police believed jealousy was the motive for the slaying, asserting Siegel was said to have paid attention to the New York gang leader's girl.

\$10,000 PAYOFF!

Payoff for the killing, according to the Examiner's information, was \$10,000.

The two hoodlums were given the task some time ago but were sentenced to prison before they could accomplish their mission. After being released they immediately took up where they left off.

Police believe the two left town either by fast car or plane, immediately after the slaying.

One of the two slayers came to Los Angeles a year ago. He established himself in Hollywood and was mixed up in various underworld circles while he waited for his partner to arrive. (Other developments in Siegel case on Page 2.)

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Siegel One of Formidable Criminals in New Underworld of N. Y., Hollywood, Miami

By Westbrook Pegler
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 Bugsy Siegel, kidnapped in a revival of the quintal old machine gun process of the Capone era, had become one of the most formidable criminals of the new underworld of Hollywood, New York, Miami and the grand sir, bait of summer and winter gambling resorts.

He was officially an aristocrat of this new underworld, being listed in the international confidential blue book and all the directories of the FBI and the several agencies of the Treasury Department.

VITAL POINTS

The Treasury took a special interest in him because the enforcement of the Narcotics Act is a responsibility of the Treasury and Siegel had established a milk route, as he and his colleagues called it, by which drugs were delivered from sources in Ohio, Mexico to stations in the United States.

The principal port of entry was the California border, and Los Angeles and Hollywood were important points of distribution and sale.

The Musicians' Union in its recent convention adopted a resolution which is significant in this respect. The resolution would permit the expulsion from the union of any member who used or carried on traffic in narcotics.

It was hardly explained that this was merely an affirmative gesture in favor of law and order and not directed at any special condition in the trade.

RESPECTFUL

The British, unfortunately, that because so many of the really active members of the union are employed in resorts of the underworld and the twilight world of luxurious and expensive dives run by racketeers, but patronized by more or less respectable clients, they are brought very close to the narcotics traffic.

The few spectacular cases in recent years in which prominent bandmen were caught using or handling marijuana and other drugs were merely an indication.

Detection is difficult and has been especially so in the moving picture colony because some of the public officials were notoriously friendly to Siegel. In one case in which he was a defendant on a minor charge the prosecuting attorney actually took the most respectful attitude toward Siegel who, actually, walked out, discharged.

Siegel's latest and greatest venture was his Flamingo gambling resort and hotel at Las Vegas, Nev. Billy Wilkerson of Hollywood, the publisher of a moving picture trade paper and for years the operator of expensive restaurants patronized by

the movie industry, started the Flamingo, intending, he said, to run a restaurant.

Las Vegas is close to Hollywood and is heavily patronized by men and women who earn tremendous salaries in the night moving, in radio and in the night clubs.

In the night club phase of the entertainment industry, most of the big operators are either underworld personalities themselves or fronts for catalogue criminals.

GETS OFFER

Wilkerson soon got an offer from Siegel but whether this offer was enticed by "muscle," Wilkerson was unwilling to say as long as Siegel lived.

At any rate, Wilkerson found that among his partners, besides Siegel and others, he had an old-time Philadelphia bootlegger of the Boo-Boo Hoff gang and a Westerner who had no official criminal record, although his associations underworld in Phoenix, Ariz., were noted by both the FBI and the Narcotics Bureau. Wilkerson said the cost of the Flamingo finally went to \$2,600,000 and that the place was running behind because it was too lavish.

Siegel was bringing in some of the most expensive night club and radio talent to entertain his guests. Some of them dropped much of their pay back to Siegel at his gambling tables.

HOOVER WARNING

There was a direct business relationship here between the entertainment world and one of the most dangerous criminals in the country.

Wilkerson finally got out of the Flamingo and his story was that he never suspected Siegel's character until J. Edgar Hoover of the FBI telephoned him and warned him that he was in bad company.

Del Webb, one of the owners of the New York Yankees, who got into a war construction contractor on Army projects in Arizona, was the building contractor and, as recently as last winter, found himself with a lien of \$200,000 against the Flamingo.

Wilkerson said the Flamingo was a big mistake and that he was now out of the business.

Countess Di Frasso Acted as Slain Man's Sponsor

Ben (Bugsy) Siegel, gangster slain in Beverly Hills Friday night, traveled in the top strata of filmland's social life.

His introduction to and sponsorship in Hollywood society was provided by none other than the fabulous Countess Dorothy Di Frasso. It was disclosed yesterday.

The countess, now in New York, was always "fascinated by gangsters and characters like that," one of her close friends told the Examiner.

Although there have been reports of a romance between the countess and Bugsy, her friends generally discount them.

The rumors started in 1935 when the notorious racketeer and suspected Countess Di Frasso

the comic-opera voyage of the "Hell-Ship" Metha Nelson. On their return, the countess remarked:

"Ben is one of my closest friends, but this talk about a romance is absurd."

At the same time, the wealthy Dorothy took Bugsy along when she attended the very last parties in Hollywood, Del Air and Beverly Hills.

"He was flattered at meeting all the important people and he definitely went Hollywood," a friend of Countess Di Frasso said.

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Gang Feud Now Believed Siegel Murder Motive

Police Held That Bookmaking Control Was
Given to Bugsie in Las Vegas Conference

Reports emanating from Las Vegas, Nev., that control of the bookmaking racket in five Western States had been taken away from one group of gamblers by hands of an asserted nation-wide bookmaking syndicate and given to Benjamin (Bugsie) Siegel were given to local police authorities yesterday as the possible reason for Siegel's slaying last Friday night.

Fifteen "in-the-know" in Las Vegas gambling clubs were reported to have told Los Angeles officers sent to the Nevada city following the slaying, that a big conference of certain heads of the syndicate from Philadelphia, New York and Chicago was held at the Flamingo Club, Las Vegas, recently. Siegel, reported to hold controlling interest in the Flamingo, was present, it was said.

At the conclusion of the meeting, after long and hot arguments,

Siegel was said to have been given control of the five states, including California, Oregon and Nevada. The group on the losing end of the transaction was said to have headquarters in Chicago with possibly one member, already representing them here. This local contact man was believed to have had previous altercations with Siegel in his attempt to muscle in on the local and Beverly Hills bookmaking business.

Greenberg Believed

The same sources revealed that Siegel had not carried a gun up until two weeks before he flew here Friday. His gun, an automatic, was found after the murder in the bedroom he occupied here.

Chief of Police C. H. Anderson, arriving yesterday from New York, where he had effected the capture of Albert Greenberg as a suspect in a recent \$14,000 jewel robbery, declared he had uncovered information in the eastern city which may link Siegel with a recently plotted racket in Los Angeles and Beverly Hills which could have netted the participants as much as half a million dollars.

Outside Greenberg, who "I do not believe that Siegel was wiped out because of anything which occurred in Las Vegas," he said. "We have learned that heavy losses have been reported in the Flamingo despite the general appearance of prosperity. In order to make good, we believe, took a last gasp at the local underworld connections and someone among

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Siegel Murder Ascribed to Gambling Racket Grab

Bugsie Given Control of Bookmaking
Instead of Chicago Gang, Report Says

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the bartender showed him of a double cross.

Anderson said he hopes to receive from New York in the next day or two further information which may lead to the arrest in Beverly Hills of one or more men responsible for Siegel's slaying. He added that the so-called local crime syndicate also dealt in illicit narcotics and bookmaking.

Offered \$100,000

Significantly, Greenberg gave Siegel as an alibi when he was arrested for participation in the robbery of \$114,000 worth of jewelry from Mrs. Samuel Davis in her apartment at 850 Charlotte Blvd., Beverly Hills, April 2.

"I was at the Flamingo Club from March 20 to April 5 and Siegel can vouch that I was there on April 2," he was quoted by Anderson as saying.

Siegel was visiting at the home of a former friend, Virginia Hill, former dancer and actress, at 810 N. Linden Drive, Beverly Hills, when he was shot to death late last Friday night. He resided at the Flamingo, police said, but visited the Hill home every two weeks or so. Miss Hill was absent on a trip to New York in the large hotel dwelling at the time Siegel Hill's secretary, Miss Charles Hill, a former of Miss Hill, and Miss Hill, a long-time friend of Siegel, were in the city.

Siegel was seated on a dinner set in the living room with Smiley after a dinner at Ocean Park cafe when a sudden burst of gunfire resounded. Siegel slumped back with four bullet wounds in him. Smiley, with the sleeve of one arm pierced by the bullets, took a nose dive to the floor.

Petite Quid Smiley

Smiley, who was held in protective custody for several hours Saturday, told police that he, Siegel, Miss Mason and Miss Hill's brother had gone to Jack's Cafe on Ocean Park Pier before the shooting. Capt. W. W. White of the Beverly Hills police yesterday visited the cafe to check back on the story in an effort to learn if anyone else might have been present who could have followed the party to the Hill home.

During the dinner Smiley said Siegel gave no evidence that he feared such an ending as came to him but a few hours later.

Joe Rose, Siegel's attorney, also told Capt. White that Siegel was in good spirits and complained of no irregularities in his business when he conferred with him in his office Saturday afternoon.

Theory Confirmed

Tending to support Chief Brown's theory that Siegel was slain for his connection with the reported local racket, was

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was received from Las Vegas by Anderson that Siegel had "clean state" in the Nevada gambling town. Officers sent to Las Vegas reported that operators of other gambling clubs thought well of the Flamingo operator.

He carried the appearance of a gentleman and disliked being called "Bugle," they said. Other gamblers had even put themselves out to help him in his operations, the officers reported. Members of the Clark County Sheriff's office also stated that Siegel had never got himself into any difficulties, according to Anderson.

While police were further checking ramifications of local gambling rackets, Siegel's wid-

Man in Redwood City Says He Killed Siegel

REDWOOD CITY, June 22. (AP)—Police said today they were investigating an "incoherent" story by a 22-year-old ex-convict that he had killed Benjamin (Bugle) Siegel, slain by a sharpshooter who fired through a residential window in a Beverly Hills mansion Friday.

The young ex-convict, Edward S. Ross, told conflicting stories, officers said, relating that he "was supposed to get \$5000" for killing Siegel, and saying at first that he had come to San Francisco in "a getaway car."

Later he said he had come here by plane, officers added. They said he told them he had traveled to Los Angeles by chartered plane from New York before the Siegel killing.

Now, Mrs. Elizabeth Siegel and her two daughters, Barbara, 14, and Muriel, 16, were expected to arrive by train from New York. Previously having refused Siegel's weak testimony in killing Mrs. Siegel and their father had been in New York for the past year, Dallas said.

Anderson said he did not contemplate making any round-up of known local gamblers until "probably next week." Anderson is being assisted in the investigation by Chief Deputy Ernest Roll and Chief Investigator Leo Stanley of the District Attorney's office. Roll announced that a conference of all officers engaged in the investigation of the slaying will be held in his office this morning. A roundup of numerous persons with records of having been involved in Los Angeles and Beverly Hills bookmaking may be a result of the meeting, he said.

Two Men Held

Found with a .30-caliber Army carbine of the type believed used in the Siegel slaying, two men yesterday were arrested in an automobile at 163rd St. and Hawthorne Blvd. by Hawthorne police and turned over to Beverly Hills officers for questioning. Police Lt. Paul R. Smith reported that there is no evidence connecting the two with the murder. They are being held for Federal Bureau of Investigation agents on suspicion of illegal possession of government property.

The arrested man gave their names as Ross Frank Price, 21, of 4235 Boyer St., Long Beach, and Lowell Lloyd Frank, 30, of 644 Brooks Ave., Van Nuys.

Taking exception to reports that he had been "called in for questioning," Barney Ruditsky, former New York policeman, declared yesterday he, as head of a private detective agency at 25154 Sunset Blvd., had merely volunteered his help in the investigation. He accompanied Roll and Chief Investigator Leo Stanley on several angles of the inquiry Saturday.

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Siegel Killing Clues Hunted in Las Vegas

Gambling Situation
to Be Investigated
in Seeking Motive

Los Angeles and Las Vegas authorities yesterday joined forces in seeking answers to the riddle of Benjamin (Bugle) Siegel's gangland "rub out" Friday night in a swank Beverly Hills mansion at the hands of a sharpshooting gunman wielding an Army-type light carbine at point-blank range.

Siegel was killed instantly by two bullets through the head and two through the body as he sat in the luxurious living room of the home of Miss Virginia Hill, Alabama heiress and studio-dancer. His associate and partner in the fabulous Flamingo Club in Las Vegas, Nev., Allen Smiley, sitting at the other end of the davenport, escaped death.

After questioning every known acquaintance of Siegel who could be located, the District Attorney's office pinned hopes of solving the murder case on investigation by two men sent to Las Vegas.

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Three Possible Motives
The investigation here is not the entire Las Vegas gambling situation in quest of answers to other possible motives for Siegel's murder. These were:
1—That Siegel's ownership, newly opened Flamingo Club was getting such heavy play from Las Vegas visitors that other clubs were suffering from lack of business.
2—That Siegel's interest in the multimillion-dollar enterprise had drained his resources to the extent he was applying the thumbscrews to Los Angeles bookmakers repeatedly forced to subscribe to his racing information service.
3—That a patron of the Flamingo who recently "dropped a couple of hundred grand" had undertaken rapine upon Siegel.

Ex-Policeman Aligned

Following the taking of a lengthy statement by District Attorney's men, Barney Ruditsky, 50, liquor dealer and former New York policeman, was assigned from connection with the investigation.

Chief Dep. Dist. Atty. Ernest Roll, who with Capt. W. W. White of the Beverly Hills police is heading the investigation, said Ruditsky's information promised little if any light on the murder.

The investigators were going over Siegel's recent record with thoroughness in quest of other leads, and within a few hours had filled in a chronicle of the murdered man's activities.

Flew From Las Vegas

Siegel flew Friday morning from Las Vegas, and checked in at about 4 a.m. at the home of Miss Virginia Hill, Alabama heiress and former Hollywood dancer, where an upstairs room was equipped with his personal belongings. Siegel carried a gold key to the residence, 810 N. Linden Drive, Beverly Hills, and his room kept a .38-caliber Colt automatic purchased in 1935.

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Figures in Siegel Inquiry



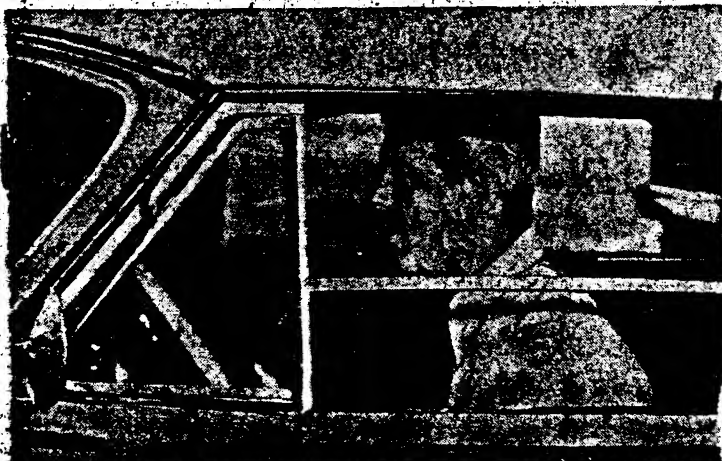
AMBUSHED — Benjamin Bugala, Siegel, slain by bullets from assassin's gun.



FUN MAKER — Betty Morison, associate of Siegel, at Las Vegas, questioned.



AWAY — Virginia Hill, at whose mansion Bugsie Siegel was shot to death.



SAW DEATH — Allen Bradley, who was driving in Newport with his business associate, when the latter was slain, late in evening here, driving away from the scene.

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Slain Siegel Given as Alibi for Greenberg in Gem Holdup

Albert Greenberg, 43, friend of slain Benjamin (Bugle) Siegel, under arrest in New York City in connection with a \$100,000 Beverly Hills jewel robbery, has offered Siegel as an alibi, wire dispatches said yesterday. Greenberg said he spent the two days before and after the robbery in Siegel's Flamingo Club in Las Vegas.

Greenberg was arrested on a warrant taken to the eastern city by Beverly Hills Police Chief C. H. Anderson, who said that two men held up Mrs. Sam Siegel at her apartment, 8643 Charleville Blvd., April 2, and escaped with her gems.

Greenberg, with a coast

record of convictions on various charges, has been ordered held without bond pending a hearing June 27.

Also charged with being connected with the holdup is Maurice Monty Baumgold, Beverly Hills jeweler of 823 N. Pico Blvd., who is out on \$50,000 bail pending arraignment this week.

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Open Gang War Feared as Result of Siegel Slaying



LA Underworld in Panic

Open gang warfare from New York to Los Angeles was feared by police yesterday as the "robbing out" of Benjamin (Bugsy) Siegel rocked the billion-dollar gambling racket.

The biggest gang killing in years brought action by New York and Los Angeles police to prevent further slayings.

The tough, handsome 42-year-old gangster, who rubbed with such celebrities as George Raft and Countess Dorothy Di Franco, was shot twice through the head Friday night by an "rat" in a Beverly Hills mansion.

The killer fired through a window and fled.

UNDERWORLD PANIC

Underworlds of Los Angeles and Las Vegas were reported in panic over Siegel's death. Some of his henchmen were in hiding, fearing they would be next on the list. Some of his enemies feared they would be next.

SLAY - Benjamin (Bugsy) Siegel, 42, gambler, was "robbed out" Friday night in a Beverly Hills mansion. The slaying was reported by police as a major blow to the gambling racket.

The man who shot Siegel, probably an imported gunman, fired a "Pumpkin" at close range through the window of the house at 810 North Linden drive where Siegel was staying, and to which he carried a gold key. It is located by Virginia Hill, wealthy divorcee now in Paris.

Twenty 30 caliber cartridges found by the window would fit an Army carbine, which could be altered to fire like a machine gun. Witnesses heard a rattling burst and a light car raced away. Siegel was said to be in bed with "The Mink," a New York syndicate in which he was a leader. Heavy losses at the \$6,000,000 Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas made him unpopular with the syndicate.

MANY ENEMIES

Siegel also had made many enemies in trying to win control of Los Angeles bookmakers by forcing them to take his racing service.

The bullets, fired at short range, grazed Allen Bentley, bookies associate of Siegel, and two of them pierced his coat. Siegel was sitting on a couch reading a newspaper.

Siegel flew down from Las Vegas Friday morning with his "court jester," Swift Morgan, and went directly to the house for a nap. He went to a barber shop, talked Flamingo business affairs with Attorney Joe Ross and Publisher Paul Fodor in the afternoon and joined Bentley at the house at 7 p. m. Morgan had moved to a hotel.

With Miss Hill's brother and secretary, Charles E. Hill, and (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1-2)



AT SLAYING SCENE — Joe Morgan and Charles Hill, who were in the Beverly Hills home. Hill is the brother of Virginia Hill, at whose home-shooting of Siegel took place.

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Bugsy Made Many Enemies Among Bookies

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Mari Mason, they went to Ocean Park Pier for a seafood dinner and returned home about 10:15 p.m.

While Hill stood, Miss Mason went upstairs. Siegel and Smiley sat in the living room for 30 minutes before the gunman started firing. E. F. Lee, the cook, was awakened in his room by the shots. Neighbors said two men raced away in a car.

New York authorities, fearing the worst gang war in years, alerted police to be on the lookout for all known gang gunmen. Frank C. Bala, retired deputy police commissioner, said:

"Siegel often flew to New York to maintain his contacts. The only reason he lived as long as he did was because we were after the gang that was after him, and they just laid

low. Now they mean to be catching up on their home work."

Police Chief Clinton H. Anderson of Beverly Hills, in New York on a \$100,000 jewel robbery, said Siegel had been "on the spot."

KIN ON WAY

Siegel's two daughters, MIRA, 15, and Barbara, 14, were reportedly en route here from a New York private school, where they have been sheltered from their father's dangerous life. Their mother, Mrs. Rita Siegel, who divorced Bugsy several years ago, may be with them.

Siegel, nicknamed for a violent temper that made him "go bugs," was a tough slinger from New York's Hell's Kitchen.

"The Mob," of which he was West Coast chieftain and possible top man, deals in wine,

liquor, slot machines and bookmaking, but has many legitimate businesses: hotels, joke houses and cigaret vendors.

The syndicate's latest effort and most costly venture was the Flamingo, which opened spectacularly last Christmas. But it was losing money and a group of Detroit gamblers recently lost the casino for \$300,000 in a single night.

It was understood the New York mobsters, irked by bad publicity, had ordered Siegel to keep out of the newspapers at any cost. He was also under fire by an element of "The Mob" known as "The Dagoes."

Siegel started his bookie information service in Phoenix, then moved into Las Vegas, competing with powerfully organized race wrips. When he tried to take over the Los Angeles "horse market" the bookmakers and

other services fought back. Mickey Cohen, Los Angeles underworld figure, was known to have had a dispute with Siegel last year over the agency for a brand of Scotch-type whiskey. He is sought for questioning.

AUTOPSY REPORT

A coroner's autopsy showed a bullet crushed the bridge of Siegel's nose and ripped into his left eye. The other entered his right cheek and came out through the back of his neck, shattering a vertebrae.

Other bullets shattered a wrist and punctured a painting. Upstairs in the house, police opened a locked closet containing Siegel's suits and two pistols: one a Colt .380 automatic, the other a German Mauser.

A fur safe also was opened by police, but yielded only jewelry and clothing. The house belongs to Juan Romero, farm manager of Rudolph Valentino

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LAS VEGAS, June 21.—Fear

On hearing of the fatal shooting of Siegel in Beverly Hills, they were said to have drawn their deposits from a local bank and departed. They presumably were under his "protection."

Glenn E. Bodell, head of the hotel police, said he had no information that might throw any light on the killing of Siegel Friday night.

Virginia Hill, 29-year-old Alabama divorcee, in whose Beverly Hills home Benjamin (Bugsy) Siegel was shot and killed Friday night, had a prewar reputation as "Hollywood's champion spender." She reportedly left a week ago on a trip to Paris.

KEPT SPENDING

"I don't know how much there is of it," she said. "And lawyers keep making more and more for me all the time. And I keep spending it."

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By her first marriage, at the age of 14, to a George Rogers in Alabama, the green-eyed brunette commented.

"It didn't last longer than a good rumble, but I got a big settlement."

A second marriage to Denise Griffin, Alabama football star, led to an "annulment and some more money."

In January, 1940, she was wed to Carlos Valdez, Mexican dancer. They separated in December of the same year.

With a wardrobe including 75 pairs of shoes, the once-styled "Female Jim Brady" staged a re-

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puted \$70,000 splurge in Hollywood night clubs during 1941.

Miss Felt announced with the coming of the war that she was devoting her time to Red Cross work and investing her money in war bonds instead of party throwing.

BACK IN PRINT.

But in April, 1944, she was back in print, after a Mocambo face-scratching tussle with a 23-year-old girl entertainer, Toby Tuttle. The latter hit Errol Flynn with a raw egg when he refused to come to her aid.

She was born in Holland of an American mother and a half-Indian father and grew up in Bessemer, Ala. Her family lives in Marietta, Ga.

COLLECTOR UPNOL M. to M. GORD

nothing, Eric Kenneth Baker, 30, of 1010 E. 12th, said he and Stanley, who he said are supposed to arrive tomorrow, were questioned by Ernest Ball, chief deputy district attorney, and Joe Stanley, chief investigator for the district attorney's office.

Stanley, who gained notoriety when he was arrested and then acquitted of killing the "Katie" man, Joe Ball, now-capturing, episode in 1944, told police:

"I guess 'Baker' is a better thing in the big book on 'Katie' than I am. He was arrested for shooting the 'Katie' yesterday afternoon and left him because he was going across the street to see his attorney, Joe Baker."

MURDER COULD BE HEARD

It is believed that Eric Baker, who is believed to have killed the "Katie" man, is now in the city.



RUBBED OUT - Body of Benjamin (Harry) Siegel lies on sofa in luxuriously appointed home in Beverly Hills. He was reading a newspaper when assailant, standing at window, riddled his body with bullets. Nine empty cartridges were found on the sidewalk outside.

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Mobster Murdered in Hail of Gang Bullets

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THE VICTIM

Robert, the victim, is shown when he was a boy next to
another's childhood. He was once named as the "Big
Cock" brother of the notorious "Mugger" man.

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Racket Figure Rubbed Out In Beverly Hills Mansion

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The report went, but more convenient to him than to pay off.

SEE GAMBLING

Recent heavy losses Club Flamingo have caused angry reaction by stock members of New York, Chicago and other eastern cities, according to Capt. W. J. White, said "Bugsy" was \$6,000,000 worth of share plus Las Vegas casino reportedly dropped \$200,000 night at the gaming table. Chicago mob sent a man to investigate.

Other sources declare killing was the spark of a nation-wide gambling war. Las Vegas gamblers were reported gambling on chips and heading for pay known. "Bugsy" was to have controlled all the making in California and of it in Nevada.

The underworld also agreed "Bugsy" was "long overdue." An eyewitness to the shooting also barely escaped death was Allen Smith, Hollywood sportsman, who was sitting in the living room with Siegel when the gunfire blasted through the side window.

One bullet ripped through Smiley's coat sleeve, but he was unharmed.

"I heard the glass shattering and I ducked," Smiley told police. "I don't know how many shots were fired, but when I looked at Siegel, I could see he had taken most of them."

Smiley told police that, judging by the rapidity of the shots, the killer had slid down the rifle's mechanism so it operated like a machine gun, firing a burst of slugs with a single pressure on the trigger.

Five of the spent slugs were found in the wall of the luxuriously appointed living room. One shattered a small statuette and another pierced a huge oil painting of a nude woman holding a laughing glass.

Siegel flew in from the Nevada resort town yesterday, and went directly to the home of Miss Hill.

Juan Romero, owner of the Beverly Hills mansion leased by Miss Hill, formerly owned the Rudolph Valentino estate, "Falcon's Lair." He said the brunette heiress at one time also rented the silent screen idol's home and lived there for several months.

Last night Siegel and Smiley returned from a party with Jerry Mason, Miss Hill's secretary, and Charlie Hill, her brother.

The others had retired, leaving only "Bugsy" and his long-time friend, Smiley, in the richly-furnished, dimly-lit parlor when the shooting occurred shortly before midnight.

Siegel was seated with his back to a side window—a perfect target.

Hill said that when he came into the room after the blast of gunfire, the gangland chief was slumped in his chair over his newspaper which was splattered with blood.

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Smiley was still crouched on the floor.

A neighbor, Lou Shane, who was visiting at the home of Dr. Lyn Whiteman, 807 North Linden drive, reported he heard the shots and ran out into the street in time to hear a high-powered car roar away into the darkness.

Shane said the shots were fired so rapidly that it sounded like machine gun fire.

KILLERS IMPORTED, BELIEF

Police believe that the job was pulled off by imported killers, who "knew their business."

Within 20 minutes of the shooting the word of Siegel's death had spread throughout the length of Sunset Strip. The slaying quickly became the topic of the moment at the Las Vegas gambling casinos.

Reports from Las Vegas were that the Flamingo lost over \$200,000 in one night recently, and that the backers of the multi-million-dollar venture took a dim view of the red ink column in the ledgers.

Siegel's body was taken to the county morgue, and when police went through his clothes they found two 14-carat gold keys, a Mexican goldpiece fastened into

headed south toward Santa Monica boulevard."

MYSTERY CAR SEEN

Martin Belousoff, of 808 North Linden drive, told detectives that for the past several months he had noticed a small sedan parked across the street from the estate where "Bugsy" was shot to death.

"There was a man in it, dressed in working clothes," he said. "He would park there all day sometimes, and often stayed there until very late at night."

Siegel, who had been active in the sporting world in California and Nevada for the past decade, was once designated a "public enemy" by Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York, during the latter's term as district attorney there.

Long an eastern gangland figure, Siegel was charged in 1942 with being the "West Coast chief of Murder, Inc."

He was indicted by a Los Angeles Grand Jury in 1941 for the underworld killing of Harry "Big Greeny" Schachter here, but he was later cleared of the charge.

During his colorful career, "Bugsy" was arrested, tried and freed of "everything in the book— from misdemeanors to murder—with murder predominating" police said.

The murder was the fourth

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THE KILLER
 This photograph, taken by a police officer, shows the car which was driven by the man who shot Benjamin "Pugsy" Siegel in the restaurant at Virginia Hill's home. The car was seen leaving the restaurant at the time of the shooting.

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ARTIST'S VERSION OF SIEGEL KILLING

Above is an artist's conception depicting how a gunman crept up to a window and fired nine shots at Benjamin "Pugsy" Siegel as the restaurant was reading a newspaper in the living room at Virginia Hill's home.

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A detective examines five holes made by bullets fired at the gangster. Some of the bullets passed through Siegel's body before

travelling down a stair on the top of a piano and splintering into the wall amid an arrangement of paintings.

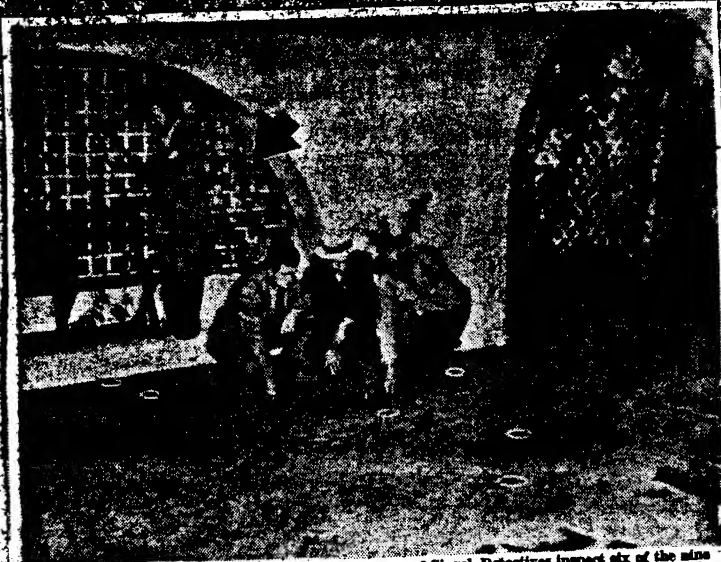


This is the palatial Beverly Hills apartment of Alvin Karpis, where the fatal confrontation took place. The building is the headquarters of the gangster.

West Coast branch of the notorious May 1936. The Karpis gang is the headquarters of the gangster.

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The arrow points to a window at the home of Virginia Hill, where the assassin stood and fired nine shots that ended the career of

of Siegel. Detectives inspect six of the nine shells (circles) that scattered over the driveway.



Besides Smiley, the other persons in the house at the time of the shooting were, left to right, E. S. Lee, the Chinese cook; Charles Hill, Miss Hill's brother, and Myrtle

Mason, her secretary. The three had retired, leaving only Siegel and Smiley in the living room, when the shooting occurred, according to police reports.

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Siegel Linked in L. A. Gangland Slaying

Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel, who came to a gangster's end in a midnight shooting in Beverly Hills, invaded the Southland in the late 1930's and set up as the top underworld figure with posing as a wealthy playboy.

Long known as an associate of Louis (Lefty) Schachter, New York mobster, Siegel and four others were indicted in August, 1940, by the Los Angeles County Grand Jury for the gangland slaying of Harry "Big Greeny" Schachter on Thanksgiving Eve, 1939, in front of his flat at 1804 Vista del Mar avenue.

Others named in the indictment, which climaxed the coast-to-coast investigation of Murder, Inc., were:

Frank Carbo, night manager, accused as the man who "pulled the trigger" on Big Greeny.

Mendy Weis, one-time right hand man for Lefty.

Mary "Champ" Segal, proprietor of a barber shop in Hollywood, which was an asserted hoodlum hangout.

Siegel was named as plotter and participant in the murder.

However, the indictment was dismissed without ever coming to trial, the district attorney's of-

fice admitting lack of sufficient evidence to obtain a conviction.

Less than a year later Siegel and Carbo were reindicted for the same murder, and Albie Tannenbaum, Brooklyn "cousin," was brought here to "sing" about Siegel's connection with Murder, Inc.

Chief evidence against "Bugsy" was Tannenbaum's story that the "Big Greeny" murder was decreed by New York mobsters when Greeny threatened to tell the authorities what he knew.

Tannenbaum, who sang several of his Murder, Inc., associates on their way to the electric chair, testified Siegel planned the Schachter slaying, was present when Carbo pulled the trigger, and arranged the getaway.

Supporting this story when it was first told to the Grand Jury that indicted Siegel was testimony by the late Abe "Kid Twist" Reles. But Reles was not on hand to back up Tannenbaum at the trial, having been killed in a fall in attempting to escape through the window of a Coney Island hotel.

Although Tannenbaum testified he had brought the murder gun

to Los Angeles by plane and handed it to Siegel and another man shortly before the slaying, "Bugsy" was again freed at the trial on Feb. 5, 1942.

During Siegel's incarceration at the county jail awaiting trial, one jail scandal after another rocked the sheriff's office. The county jailer and the jail physician were removed after another prisoner charged Siegel and other inmates had been given special favors.

Thereafter, "Bugsy's" name disappeared from the headlines until May 25, 1944, when he and Alben Smiley, a witness to the slaying of Siegel last night, were arrested on bookmaking charges.

Deputy sheriffs arrested them at Smiley's apartment in the Sunset Towers, 8358 Sunset boulevard, where they found betting equipment and notations on scratch sheets which indicated bets as high as \$1000 per race were being placed.

After Actor George Raft testified that there was no bookmaking going on at the apartment, only race betting, Siegel and Smiley pleaded guilty to charges of placing bets and paid fines of \$250 each.

'Bugsy' Siegel N. Y. Police Fear Gang War in Reprisal

By International News Service
NEW YORK, June 21.—New York police today feared the worst outbreak of gang war in years, in reprisal for the West Coast slaying of Benjamin ("Bugsy") Siegel, 41-year-old gambler and one-time public enemy.

"Bugsy" had important New York connections, and was seen here only two weeks ago dining in a popular midtown sporting club.

Burton Turkus, who, as a former district attorney, helped prosecute the notorious Murder, Inc., ring, with which "Bugsy" was associated, said:

"Whoever killed Siegel is a dead herring, because his work is sure to strike back."

Frank C. Bais, retired deputy police commissioner, formerly in charge of Brooklyn detectives, commented:

"This is the first big gang killing in years. Siegel had interests all over the country, including New York, and there may be repercussions here."

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Herald-Express Expose of Siegel and Murder Inc. Told

The operations of "Murder, Incorporated," and its gangland characters who used Los Angeles as their hide-out, first was revealed in an exclusive article published by The Evening Herald and Express in August, 1940.

Secret conferences between a representative of this newspaper and District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Brooklyn, now mayor of New York, resulted in the "flushing out" of these luxuriously housed underworld termites.

Aftermath of the conferences, the Herald-Express revealed that the elegant Hollywood social light, Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel, had been arrested cringing in the attic of his \$260,000 mansion, as an alleged accomplice in the "rubbing out" of Harry "Big Greeney" Schacter. Warrants also were issued for the arrests of Harry "Champ" Segal, Hollywood barber, and Frank Carbo on the charge of murder.

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Messrs. X and Y were flown to Los Angeles from New York. They told the Los Angeles County Grand Jury an amazing story of "Murder, Inc.," whose tentacles stretched through the dark alleys of gangdom across the entire nation from New York to Los Angeles.

The relentless warfare District Attorney Baron Flitts had conducted against hoodlums who had come here to scoff at New York prosecutors led O'Dwyer to ask The Herald-Express how he could "do an honest job of running down" what he termed "the Los Angeles end of Murder, Inc."

O'Dwyer was told he could trust Flitts, who had shown the courage to prosecute powerful people

regardless of political or other consequences, and was the most powerful enemy of gangdom in California.

MURDER, INC., NERVOUS

District Attorney O'Dwyer sent to Los Angeles his famous aphel homicide detail assistant, Burton Turkis, the man who uncovered the slinky trail of "Murder, Inc." in the east.

Flitts named the extremely able Eugene D. Williams, then a deputy district attorney, now special prosecutor in the Overell case at Santa Ana, to take charge of the case here. With Detective Lieut. Miles Ledbetter and other officers, Williams brought the western development of "Murder, Inc." to a head.

Williams and Turkis had been told by O'Dwyer that a most important witness in the case would be "Whitley" Krakower, who had fled from Los Angeles after



Associated Press Photo
"Bugsy" Siegel, associate of Harry Siegel, confederated with officers closely as police sought a clue to his identity as Siegel's killer.

being used to "finger" Harry Schacter when the latter was mowed down in Los Angeles by gangster guns.

A Williams-Turkis conference

was interrupted by a telephone call. It was O'Dwyer in New York.

"Whitley" Krakower "was rubbed out last night," said O'Dwyer. "It makes it laugh because he knew his number was up and he was ready to talk. They have killed our best witness."

Williams and Turkis continue their work and "Bugsy" Siegel "Champ" Segal and Carbo were arrested and indicted. Murder complaints were issued.

The indictments subsequently were dismissed "for lack of evidence."

But someone remembered. And Siegel was put on the spot last night!

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Virginia Hill Enigma in 'Bugsy' Siegel Case

Virginia Hill, stunning beauty, who heads the party at Beverly Hills home in which Ben James "Bugsy" Siegel was slain, emerged today as a "mystery woman" as news of the shooting brought her into the limelight.

Known to have been a friend of the slain mobster, Miss Hill left the city last Saturday en route to spend the summer in Paris.

Always incommunicative about herself, Miss Hill has attracted lavishly but her friends and neighbors knew little about

her. A mostly southerner, she had it rumored she had been forced to go to an Alabama school.

Reports from New York stated that she once owned an interest in the now defunct "Barman" Night Club and gave her stock in the club to her lawyer as his fee for legal work.

The Beverly Hills mansion where the shooting occurred during her absence, is at 410 North Linden drive.

According to one report, she

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Virginia Hill, the beautiful brunette "mystery woman," in whose home Wengel met his death, is shown in home two photos. She is one of the most enigmatic figures



of the half-world among the and "Daguer" Ford, with a reputation as one of America's most fabulous spenders and party takers.



THE GIRL FRIEND

...and in the "mystery house" of Virginia Hill, above, where the assassin learned where Wengel met his death. When Hill, a "mystery woman," was known to have been a friend of the late Wengel, 10 days before he was shot.

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